(d) the amount of foreign exchange spent during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) The import of mineral water has been placed under the Special Import Licence (SIL) list and that of other waters (including natural water) under the free list since April 13th, 1998.

(b) the DGCI&S (Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics) does not maintain company-wise import statistics pertaining to different items. It is therefore not possible to furnish details of companies which import natural spring water under the trade name of 'EVIAN'.

(c) Quantitative Restrictions have to be removed over a period of time as per Agreements entered into with the trading partners.

(d) Details are given in Statement (*see* below).

Statement

Import of Mineral Water

(Import figures in Rupees)

Description	*April 94-March 95*	*April 95-March 96*	*April 96-March 97*
Waters including mineral water and aerated water	—	*2701175*	*1593830*
Other waters including natural water	—	*23475*	*5803*

(Source: DGCIS)

Dumping of Low Priced Foreign Goods

1225. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a host of foreign manufacturers selling their products in India have been doing so at ridiculously low prices with a view to "dumping" Indian manufactures of these products;

(b) if so, whether Indian manufacturers have petitioned Government to help them out of the apparent imbroglio; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) to (c) The Designated Authority appointed under the Indian Customs Tariff Act and the Anti Dumping Rules made thereunder, conducts investigations into the existence, degree and effect of alleged dumping of goods in India on the basis of petitions received from Industry. In cases where petitions contain *prima facie* evidence of dumping and material injury to domestic industry due to such dumping investigations are undertaken and anti dumping duties recommended. The designated authority has so far made 20 recommendations for imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties. Recommendations have been made in three cases for imposition of anti-dumping duty provisionally, pending final investigations. The Designated Authority is currently conducting investigations in respect of 13 cases.